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On The Honor List

Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Northfield School for Girls, has announced the names of seventeen students who have achieved places on the scholarship honor list for the first semester. A dinner having a Mexican theme was given at Miss Wilson's home in honor of these girls. Students on the list are Gabriele Abraham of Cambridge, Janet Glotzer, West Hartford, Gail Kuhns, Mill River, Joan Litchard of Lincoln, Betsey Martin of Worcester, Dorothy Sisson, West Falmouth, Jean Wickens, Groton, and Ellen Wiese of Longmeadow. The Misses Abraham, Martin and Sisson have won places on this honor list for the last three and one-half years.

Mrs. Laura Severance

Mrs. Laura M. Severance of Portland, Me., died at her home there, Friday, February 22nd, at the age of 76 years. She was the widow of Edson S. Severance who died April 18, 1945. After their marriage they came to Northfield for residence for some time, later removing to Winchester. Mrs. Severance was born in Erving, January 11, 1870, the daughter of Marshall and May (Simpson) Morgan. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Leta Potts of Greenfield; a son, Otis Severance of Wickless, Ohio, and a brother, Elisha Morgan of Worcester. Funeral services were in Greenfield, with Rev. G. Albert Higgins of the Methodist Church officiating and the body was entombed in Green River Cemetery Chapel for burial in Winchester in the spring, in Barber District Cemetery.

Town Topics

Donald R. Sutherland of Newark, N. J. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sutherland at their home on Parker Ave. recently.

Corp. Stuart G. Baily has received his discharge from army service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bailey of South Vernoon and entered the service in August, 1943. He received his training and was stationed at Ford Ord, Calif.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles has called for an inspection of all automobiles during the month of April, the first for several years in the spring. Brakes, lights, tires and steering wheel apparatus will be fully checked.

Recorded in the County Registry this week is a deed transferring possession of the summer residence on Rustic Ridge from the family of the

Chimes Dedicated

The chimes in the belfry of the Methodist Church at Catskill, N. Y., were dedicated in a service to the memory of the late George C. Stebbins on Sunday, February 24th. Rev. Orson O. Rice, minister of the church, conducted the memorial service and with the trustees of the fund and members of the congregation dedicated the bells in the following words:—

We dedicate these Bells to the healing of life's discords; to the lifting of the depressed and the comforting of the sorrowing; to the people who come into the sanctuary; to those of the community; to the people who pause to listen; to those of kindred spirit though far away; to the memory of Thy servant who being dead yet speaketh in his music and to all people of good will.

Dr. Paul D. Moody delivered the dedication sermon.

Many in Northfield cherish the memory of Mr. Stebbins and his hymns and gospel songs will carry down through the ages. It is gratifying that local friends and summer residents were contributors to the memorial chimes.

late Dr. C. C. Woodruff of New Jersey to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Grilley, Jr. of Fall River. They expect to open the cottage early in May.

Harry Gingrass has purchased the home occupied by his family for some time on Parker street from the Western Massachusetts Electric Co.

For Sale—Good building lot, two and a half acres with orchard, on Main road, East Northfield. Call telephone 660.

Ross L. Spencer has recently been called to Boston and New York on business matters connected with his Ford interests.

A phone call recently received by Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster from Frisco stated that Manila was calling and to be on the alert. Within twelve hours Lieut. Beverly Briesmaster was on the line and the conversation came

International Week

Sixteen college girls, representing eleven foreign countries, were guests of the School for Girls recently when the annual International Weekend, sponsored by the International Club of the Northfield School Church, was held. The program opened Friday evening with dinner and the showing of a French film in Silverthorn Hall. On Saturday the guests toured the campus and met with the church cabinet and in the afternoon took part in an informal forum and tea. Speakers at the forum were Miss Francine Bouillon of France, student at Smith College; Miss Karin Farnstrom of Sweden, student at Russell Sage; and Miss Marcia Janovska of Czechoslovakia, student at Vassar. Highlight of the weekend was the International Fair, held in Silverthorn Hall Saturday evening. Movies of Czechoslovakia, England and Iran were shown and the German, French and Spanish classes presented a program of songs. Members of the student body at Northfield and faculty having connections with other countries offered exhibits in Phillips Hall and held a fashion show. The speaker at the Sunday morning service was Mr. Paul Harris of Putney, Vt., lecturer and writer. Among the other countries represented during the weekend were Puerto Rico, Brazil, Denmark, Argentina, South Africa, Switzerland, Russia and China and the college group included students from Russell Sage, Skidmore, Vassar, Mount Holyoke and Smith.

On the previous weekend International Weekend was observed at Mount Hermon when Dr. Samuel Guy Inman of New York, noted authority and specialist on Latin-American affairs, and Dr. Liston Pope, professor of sociology at Yale, were guest speakers. The combined orchestras of the Schools offered a program at noon assembly in Camp Hall.

through as clear as a local call. The Lieut. is an army nurse in the 4th general hospital at Manila.

Will Have More Work

The Board of Assessors and the tax collector will find their work increased this year, due to a new state law going into effect this year. The law requires that every individual portion of land be assessed to its owner and that special descriptive details be recorded by the assessors in estimating their valuations. This virtually means that properties will not be grouped in a single assessment and taxpayers owning several portions of land and buildings thereon will receive a bill for each lot or portion, thus increasing the work of the tax collector as well as the assessors. It will also mean that listings in the booklet of values and valuations issued every three years, by the assessors, will this year be increased in the number of its pages of listings, costing much more for printing. Because of the increased work by the assessors, there was appropriated the sum of \$1,250 for their use and the sum of \$100 for their expenses. The tax collector will receive the sum of \$500 and \$150 expenses. Last year the assessors received \$600 and expenses \$75.00. The tax collector \$400, expenses \$137. Our assessors are Fred S. Merrifield, chairman, Ernest A. Parker and Clifford A. Field. The tax collector is Charles F. Slate.

John Kasandi Dies

Following several years of ill health, John Kasandi died at his home on Highland Ave., Thursday, February 21, at the age of 58 years. He was born in Agard, Hungary, December 4, 1887, and came to this country about 32 years ago becoming a United States citizen and locating in Yonkers, N. Y. From Yonkers he came to Northfield and has been in the employ of the Northfield Schools for thirty years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Kasandi, two sons, John and Joseph Kasandi, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, all of this town. Both sons served in World War II. The funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday morning following and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

GONE TO FLORIDA

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean left New York by plane on Wednesday, the 6th, for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will visit his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Morse, and secure needed rest and recreation. The Doctor will resume his practice here on March 25th.

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Enjoyed Winter Carnival

Snow of near-blizzard proportions ushered in the annual Winter Carnival at the Northfield School for Girls. Coming as a surprise holiday, all classes were suspended and after breakfast all activity centered around Perry Pond and the athletic field where the throne of the Carnival King and Queen was erected. Despite the heavy fall of snow the students in each dormitory competed in the snow sculpture contest, offering figures molded in snow and ice representing an obstacle race on skis, Donald Duck on skis, the Veterans discharge button, Rodin's "Thinker," a horse and sleigh, which was executed by Revell-Holton Hall and awarded first prize. Winter sports events on the program were the skating relay races, followed by the cross country snowshoe race and the ski dash. After lunch the cross country ski race got under way and just as the winner crossed the line trumpets announced the arrival of the King and Queen of the carnival, followed by members of their court. This year the king and queen, chosen by popular vote of the students and whose identity remains a secret until carnival day, were Betty Lee Moore of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Mexico, the Queen; and Carol Reed of Washington, D. C., as King. Members of their court included Nancy Hills of Westfield, N. J., Shirley Gilmore of Nichols, Conn., Jane DeLacy of East Williston, N. Y., and Barbara Perkins of Savannah, N. Y. Following the royal procession the girls competed in the ski obstacle race, snowshoe open race, the ski slalom on Chapel Hill and figure skating on Perry Pond. At the conclusion of these events the students gathered around the throne for the awarding of prizes for the winners of the various contests.

Named College Dean

Prof. Leishman Peacock has been appointed Dean of Ottawa University at Ottawa, Kansas, where he has efficiently served as head of the English department. He received his Ph.D. from State College, Pennsylvania, in 1942, where he had taught for several years, as assistant professor in English. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College in North Carolina with the A.B. and A.M. degrees. He is the son of Rev. Joseph L. Peacock, now of Glen Falls, N. Y., retired clergyman and former president of Shaw University. The family have a summer residence on Cliff Road, Rustic Ridge, and each year spend a portion of the season here. Prof. Peacock, better known to many friends here as Lee Peacock, for several years, served on the campus of the School for Girls, during the conference season. With his wife, he hopes to visit Northfield this summer.



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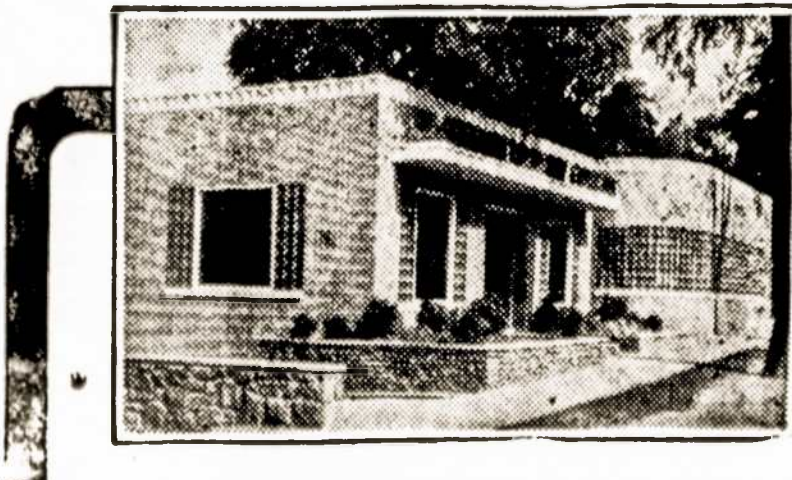
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Town Topics

A son, Paul McCarron, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Auclair, Jr., of Three Rivers, at the Palmer Hospital on Tuesday, February 19th; grandson of Ms. Elizabeth A. Auclair of this town.

Miss Bernice Webster, who has been visiting her mother and sister, at their home on Main Street has returned to New York for a few days after which she will motor to Georgia for a visit with a friend for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman of Highland Ave. have entertained recently as guests, Mrs. Louise Barber from Hartford and her roommate Miss Helen Tonk of Hollywood, California.

Mrs. D. F. Sutherland who supervises Red Cross knitting in this town states that she has a supply of yarn for those willing to knit socks and sleeveless sweaters.

Peter Amann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Amann of this town has been awarded first place for the annual Mercer prize in a study on economics at Oberlin college. He is a sophomore there.

Miss Stella M. Morse, librarian of Talcott library of the Northfield School for Girls will attend a meeting of the secondary education board of elementary schools at Eaglebrook school, Saturday, March 9 and will preside at the section gathering for librarians.

Dr. William E. Park of the Northfield Schools recently was the speaker before a meeting of the Brattleboro Womens Club, when he spoke on "religion and education". He urged a greater preparation of students for citizenship, for religious thought, and for preparation by basic training for lifes work."

The big Ski Tourney at Brattleboro on Washington's Birthday drew about five thousand persons and enthusiasts to that community. The weather and ski conditions were ideal for the meet. Motorists with their equipment rolled through on the highway in Northfield.

Dr. James Glover Johnson, chaplain for Mount Hermon School was the speaker at the final session of the University of Life forum in Greenfield on Sunday the 24th. His subject was "Protestantism".

On the evening of Washington's birthday in town hall, the Girl Scouts were entertained by the local Scout committee. The evening was devoted to a social time with games, dances and refreshments. All had a fine time.

An effort is being made to locate a subdivision of Massachusetts State college in Greenfield. Governor Tobin has given endorsement to the proposition.

On Sunday the 17th in the Methodist church at Greenfield before a large audience attending the forum of the University of Life heard Dr. Wilson F. Dodd of Mount Hermon school speak on his experiences as a physician at a desert camp of 25,000 refugees at the head of the Red Sea, during his services in the war.

Simon Gafe of the Farms observed his 91st birthday on Wednesday the 18th. He makes his home with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Donahue.



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Lena Biagotti Dies

Miss Lena Biagotti, of Brattleboro, recently a resident of this town, died Thursday, February 21st, after a long period of poor health. She was the adopted daughter of Peter Biagotti, who, until last October, conducted a large poultry business for many years on the Hinsdale Road. Miss Biagotti was born in Boston 43 years ago and came to Brattleboro with her foster parents for residence. Mrs. Biagotti died in 1919. Since the sale of their business they had hoped to make a visit to Italy to look up friends and relatives in the war-torn section, but Miss Biagotti's health made the trip out of question. They moved to Brattleboro to make their home. Surviving besides her father, are three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Di Caprio of Montreal; Mrs. Emma Piconi and Mrs. Letho Comtoni, both of Boston; and one brother, Eddie Nazaro, of Boston. Funeral services were at St. Michael's Church in Brattleboro with requiem high mass the following Saturday, after which the body was entombed for burial in the spring in a cemetery in Randolph, Mass.

Warren A. Randall, 14c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randall of West Northfield has been discharged from the Navy in which he enlisted in May 1943. He served 14 months in the Pacific and earned six battle stars for his A-P ribbon. He has the Philippine liberation medal and the Purple heart. He is at his home here.

Town Topics

The wife of George C. Scherlin of South Vernon, formerly Irene Pridmore of Marshall county, Ala, has been granted a divorce from him. She was given the custody of their son. Scherlin it is said has re-enlisted in the army.

Pfc. and Mr. Charles Lawrence have been visiting friends and relatives in town while he was enjoying a furlough. He has been assigned to Camp Beals in California and has reported for duty.

Lieut. and Mrs. Norman C. Danforth with their baby, Louise, have been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan recently. He has been assigned to the destroyer, Joseph Kennedy at Norfolk for duty and his wife will be with her parents in Dorchester.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Elsie Gertrude Wing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Wing of West Northfield to Maurice Kemp, 14c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kemp of Greenfield. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sgt. Michael Zaluzny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zaluzny of South Vernon has received his discharge from the army in which he served in the air force. He entered in October 1942. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon school.

Pvt. Random C. Kenney of this town has received his discharge from army service recently at Fort Devens.

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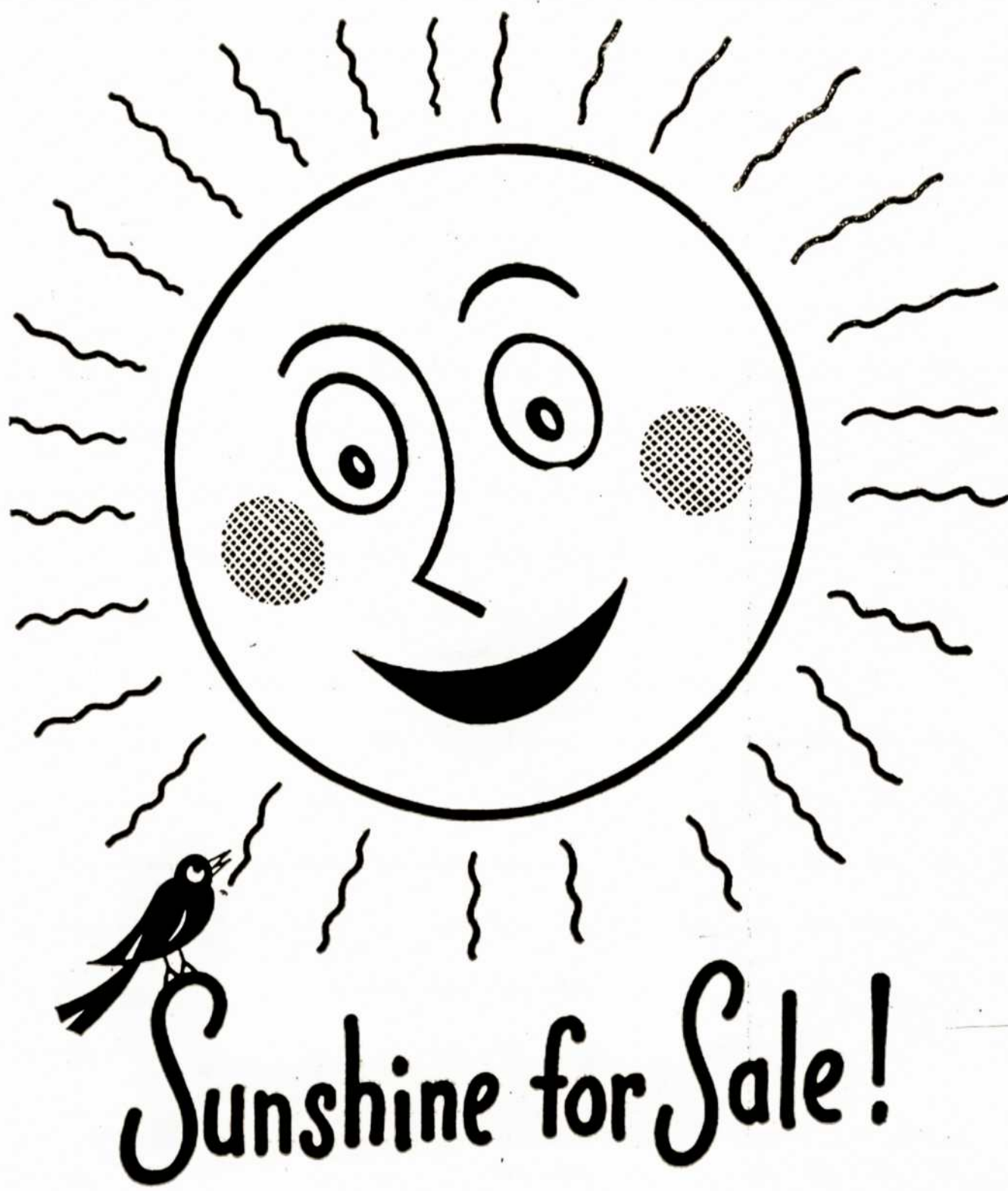
Mrs. George M. Ball of Winchester road is spending a part of the month of March in New York City.

The Garden Club held a most interesting meeting in Alexander Hall, Monday evening the 4th. President Bronson presided and after members had spoken of their individual experiences with flowers, a "quiz" was conducted by Phillip Porter. Mrs. C. R. Mayberry chairman of the program committee arranged the evenings entertainment.

Willis Parker, Owen Stacy and Carol H. Miller of this town are successful producers of honey and members of the County Beekeepers association. They attended a recent meeting of the association in Greenfield and are enthusiastic over the prospects of the coming season.

Miss Barbara Bond, who has been a student at the School for Girls, will join her mother, Mrs. Orlo W. Bond of Greenfield and two sisters who expect to leave for Karachi, India about March 1st where Mr. Bond has represented the Standard Oil company for the past 22 years. Mrs. Bond and her daughters came to America to reside during the war period.

Earl Underwood has resumed his work in the plumbing and fixture department of Sears Roebuck and Co. having been transferred from Newport News, Va. His wife is the former Bernice Billings of this town and they made their home at the Farms.



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